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Two Women Hurt As Auto Cracks Into Yard Engine

The second train-auto collision in a week sent two women to the hospital Friday night, both suffering minor hurts.

An auto driven by Mrs. Shirley Louise Felts, 27, of 1517 Marceina Ave., crashed into the engine of a National Supply yard engine at 213th and Bow Sts., according to Officer Harvey Turrentine. Mrs. Felts told Officer Turrentine she failed to see the engine.

A passenger in the auto, Nora Bryson, 67, of 1615 W. 216th St., also was injured. She suffered cuts about the face and possible injured knees.

Mrs. Felts received facial lacerations.

Both were transported to the Torrance Medical Center by a National Supply Co. ambulance.

Another motorist escaped serious injury last Tuesday when his auto was demolished by a Santa Fe train on Lomita Blvd. west of Pennsylvania Ave.



RED FEATHER POW-WOW . . . Community Chest area chairmen gathered this week to map final plans for the fund drive slated to begin Nov. 10. Pictured are, from left, Mrs. Ella Schwartz, residential chairman; A. E. Thompson, city vice-chairman; Jack Dabbs, Harbor area vice-chairman; Donald Armstrong, city chairman; George Powell, public employees chairman; Paul Diamond, business chairman; and John Ebbinghouse, city vice-chairman.

Lorraine Miller Takes First At Speech Contest

Lorraine Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Miller, 1027 Patronella Ave., helped to get Torrance High School speech activities off to a good start last week as she won the narration division in a speaking contest.

Lorraine was entered in the Annual Radio Speaking Contest at Occidental College, representing Torrance in competition with seventeen other Southern California high schools.

She was rated as the most outstanding radio narrator of the tourney and was presented with an award by Dr. Charles F. Lindsley, chairman of the Occidental Speech Department.

Also participating in the day's events were Wilma Blossom, Marian Smith, Dave McNary, Dale Williams, Dorothy Dean, Charlotte Ewins, Charlotte Meister, Beverly Sowle, Myra French and Peggy Benton.

Accompanying the students to Oxy were Mrs. Irene Smith, and instructors Mrs. Nancy Mosley and Desmond P. Wedberg.

Final Chest Drive Plans Due Tuesday

Final plans for Torrance's one-day big push for the Community Chest will be mapped at a pair of meetings here this week.

City Chairman Don Armstrong has called a meeting of all division chairmen Tuesday morning at the Community Chest Service Center, 1103 Sartori. At that time Armstrong hopes to hear that Torrance is ready to roll on kick-off time, Nov. 10.

The second meeting will be held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Edward L. Schwartz, Torrance residential chairman. At this meeting, Mrs. Schwartz's section chairmen will receive final instructions for the big one-day campaign.

A pair of volunteer workers, Mrs. Lawrence Dorsey and Mrs. Ralph McBe, have been cited by Mrs. Schwartz for outstanding jobs in organizing their section. The two women are co-chairmen of the North Torrance section, and have already signed up more than their needed number of house-to-house solicitors. Most of their volunteers have come from PTA groups in North Torrance.

College President Receives Scout Award

Recognition as "Scouter of the Week" has been given President Forrest G. Murdock of El Camino College.

A miniature Liberty Bell replica was presented Murdock by the Centinela Valley District of the Boy Scouts of America in a program over radio station KFI recently.

Injunction Sought In Gravel Operation

Application for a temporary injunction against the Torrance Sand and Gravel Co. was filed in Long Beach Superior Court Friday by Attorney Donald Armstrong on behalf of the City of Torrance and will come before a judge Nov. 10, the Herald learned yesterday.

Sandwich Girl's Car, Torso Lose Battle to Truck

Eunice Reid, driver of a lunch wagon, knows that some people might not like her sandwiches, but figures the incident which occurred Thursday was a little too much.

While she was near 174th St. and Prairie Ave., a man in a big stake truck crashed into the rear of her lunch wagon, bonding a fender to the tune of \$20, Eunice told Torrance police. The truck lumbered on, while the driver yelled at her not to come into the area again.

Then, Police Sgt. Karl Friberg was told, the big truck turned around, headed straight for Eunice who was out of her little lunch wagon inspecting the damage. She was bumped and suffered a bruised side.

Police are looking for the big truck and its driver. Miss Reid said she can identify the suspect.

Cadet Suffers Gunshot Wound During Maneuver

Recovering from an accidental gunshot wound in the chest suffered Wednesday night is Edouard Pague, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pague, 1528 Post Ave.

The injured youth, a lieutenant at Brown Military Academy in San Diego, was wounded during night military maneuvers in the mountains east of San Diego.

Doctors at the Balboa Hospital examined X-rays yesterday to locate bits of paper wadding and shrapnel embedded in the youth's chest when he was hit by the blast from a "team-mate's" rifle.



GRID QUEEN . . . Lovely Mary Jo Mott was crowned Queen of the Game at El Camino College Friday night. College President Forrest G. Murdock places the symbolic crown on Miss Mott's head. Attendants were Gail Young and Betty Jo Farrell. The event took place during game half-time activities.

Psychologist For Schools Hired Here

Dr. Earl F. Carnes has been employed as part-time psychologist for the Torrance Unified School District, according to the Board of Education, Dr. Carnes, a regular faculty member at the University of Southern California, will be in Torrance one day per week.

State law requires that each school district employ a psychologist to help administer certain tests and help with the curriculum.

GOP Plans Fete To Open New Headquarters

Formal opening of the new Republican headquarters at 1617 Corbillo Ave. has been slated for Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 5 p. m. at which time film notables, Republican leaders, and the GOP candidate for Congress in this district will be on hand to visit with residents of this area.

Plans to have film actor Ward Bond on hand for the ceremony were announced by the Los Angeles headquarters of the party yesterday. Other visitors will include Mrs. Tony Whan, active GOP worker, co-chairman of the young Republican Club of L. A., and head of the "Cru-sade to Lift the Iron Curtain." She will bring along several persons who have signed behind the "Iron Curtain" to tell of the need for extend personal freedom throughout the world.

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Work on Huge Water Reservoir To Start Soon

Hopes that construction on the new 10,000-gallon water reservoir in South Torrance might get under way tomorrow were expressed by city officials yesterday who reported that the firm of Chadwick and Buchanan was moving equipment onto the site of the project.

The reservoir, largest single item in the water modernization program for Torrance, will give the city nearly 10 times the emergency water supply it now has.

Bids for a 1,000,000-gallon steel tank to be located in North Torrance will be received by the city Tuesday, Nov. 25, following action of the City Council last week. The Council authorized the advertisement for bids for a steel tank after all bids for a concrete and steel tank were rejected by the city recently.

City manager George Stevens told the City Council that the bids were needed as quickly as possible because the city must get allocations for the steel from the Federal Government before construction can start.

"Vote Getters" to Meet Tuesday at Theater

"Get-out-the-vote" will theme a meeting of the Torrance Ballot Action Tuesday evening at the Torrance Theater, 7:30 o'clock. Chairman Jack Dabbs has announced.

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Columbia Steel Wins Special Safety Award

The Torrance works of the Columbia-Geneva Steel Division was one of the firms singled out for special honor awards at the annual meeting of the National Safety Council in Chicago last week.

The award to Columbia Steel was for 2,000,000 man hours worked last year without a lost-time accident.

A lost-time accident is one in which a worker suffers injuries on the job which keeps him from his work.

In heavy industry, such as steelmaking, the average rate of accidents is nine per million man hours worked. Safety Council officials revealed.

The frequency of these accidents at the Torrance plant during 1951 was 1.93 per million man hours worked and thus far in 1952 it is ".0."

Thief Cleans Up In Quick Steal

Donald W. Joseph was through cleaning out a new house with a vacuum sweeper and put the machine in his auto to take home. Then someone cleaned him out.

A man driving a 1951 Ford pulled alongside his car and made off with the sweeper during the three minutes that he left his car unattended. A neighbor witnessed the act and furnished a description.

The incident occurred at a new housing development near 17210 Eastwood Ave., Joseph reported to Torrance police.

Driver Injured In Sleepy Crash

Injured when he apparently fell asleep at the wheel of his car and it zoomed off the road early Thursday morning was James Henry Gay, 27, of Los Angeles. The accident occurred on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Newton St.

Torrance police officer Bob Wright, patrolling in the area, came across the accident and called an ambulance. Gay was taken to Harbor General Hospital.

District Hires Four

Three clerk-specialists and one custodian were hired by the Torrance Unified School District last week.

Employed were Lois Lee Macseaman, USN, son of Mrs. Emily Barbara Tomine Waldee and Frank L. Briggs.

Thomas Thompson Aboard USS Essex

Serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Essex in the Far East, is Thomas O. Thompson, seaman, USN, son of Mrs. Emily M. Thompson of 21800 South Moneta Ave.

Earthquakes, High Priority Buildings Delaying Schools

Plans for the Wood and Carr schools, elementary plants to be erected in Torrance soon, have again been delayed. Last time it was for earthquakes — this time because other state sponsored buildings got a priority.

Board of Education members were informed last week that the State Division of Architecture, which must put the okay on the blueprints before groundbreaking can be held, has sent notice that the plans were being delayed.

Other buildings got a priority and were pushed through before allocation of funds by the state were cancelled by a deadline.

Last time, the Bakersfield earthquake took precedence and all plans for buildings not involved in the tremor were shelved.

School officials expressed concern over the repeated delays.

THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS



TOGETHER AT LAST . . . At long last two presidential candidates shared the same platform here Friday afternoon. Shown above are candidates Barbara Hester, who is making a firm bid for votes, and Don Kelley, who is waiting for his chance to get the floor. They will face the voters Wednesday.

Don Townsend Receives Army Service Award

Sgt. Don Townsend, who was seriously injured last August in an auto collision just a few days after his wife gave premature birth to a 2 lb. 7 oz. son, received news of a better sort this week.

Townsend was awarded the Meritorious Achievement Award for "distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement during the period of Oct. 1 to Oct. 6, 1951," while a member of the 578th Engineer Battalion in Japan.

Townsend, in collaboration with another member of the battalion, "designed and developed an auxiliary piece of equipment which greatly facilitated the construction of the widened steel trestleway bridge by reducing the amount of labor required and increasing the safety of the bridge," the citation read.

Signed by the Army Adjutant General and Frank Pace Jr., Secretary of Defense, the citation said "Townsend's initiative and effort in developing this device are highly commendable."

The veteran, who lives at 20951 Brighton Ave., is now able to get about on crutches after being confined to a bed with a body cast for several weeks.

His young son, who was kept in the hospital for several weeks, is now home and weighs 10 lbs., he reports.

School Seeks Cause Of Light Bulb Blast

Inquiry into the cause of an explosion of a 100-watt light globe at the Perry School recently has been launched by the Torrance Unified School District.

Torrance manufacturers have been contacted and are expected to make a full report to the Board of Education at an early date.

Whistle Stop Campaign Near End in Hot Political Battle

Most of us will have to wait until the "farm vote" comes in early on Nov. 5 to know who will be our next President, but eighth-graders at Torrance Elementary School will steal a march on us and find out this week.

A real whistle-stop campaign among the students for their choice as President will come to an end when the young voters go to the polls to cast their ballots Wednesday.

Candidates for the office—who were nominated in convention sessions without the benefit of television—are Barbara Hester and Don Kelly. Both candidates have a party organization which has been busy extolling the virtues of its candidate through-

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out the length and breadth of the schoolground through the use of placards, posters and other familiar paraphernalia.

The big drive for votes climaxes an intensive program conducted in the classes to learn how elections are conducted, party platforms drawn up, and how the candidates and voters play their parts in a campaign.

Convention Leaders Susan Babcock presided over the convention last week, which was keynoted by Violet Popovich. The keynote speeches outlined the qualifications for good officers and urged voters to use sound judgment when casting their ballots.

Two other offices are hotly contested: Diane Trimiew, Jack Taylor and John Zamzra are